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Ambassador Gerardo Werthein with State Department's Special Envoy Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt.

WORKING MEETING WITH SPECIAL ENVOY DEBORAH LIPSTADT

On July 3, Ambassador Gerardo Werthein received the State Department's Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combating Antisemitism, Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt, with whom he held a working meeting prior to the US official's visit to our country, where she will participate in several events within the framework of the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the AMIA headquarters.

During the conversation, in which Deputy Special Envoy Aaron Keyak also participated, both referred to Ambassador Lipstadt's attendance to the Forum of Special Envoys and Coordinators against Antisemitism, which will take place in Buenos Aires on July 17. This forum is a political coalition made up of countries and international organizations that have designated Special Representatives, Envoys or Coordinators to counter the increase in Anti-Semitism at a global level (Argentina has had one since mid-2023: Ambassador Fabiana Loguzzo) and is sponsored by the World Jewish Congress in collaboration with another national

institution of the host country, in this case the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Argentine Republic.

By organizing this important forum in our country, it shows the active role that Argentina has been playing at a global level in various initiatives against anti-Semitism in major multilateral organizations, apart from being, at the moment, the only Latin American nation that is a full member of the Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. In turn, this institution has a local chapter in Buenos Aires that is responsible for promoting its agenda, as well as constituting an instance and space for coordination between the State and civil society, made up by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Secretariats of Education and of Human Rights, and a series of civil society organizations committed to the topic of the Holocaust, such as the AMIA.

Likewise, it should be highlighted that, through a resolution adopted in 2020 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of

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Argentina, the Alliance's working definition on antisemitism was adopted, which has become an important instrument to identify when a conduct or expression is anti-Semitic, and also complements the national law against discriminatory acts. To date, more than 80 national public and private institutions have adhered to the definition.

Besides participating in the Forum of Special Envoys and Coordinators against Antisemitism, Ambassador Lipstadt will also be present at the key event commemorating the 30th anniversary of the terrorist attack against the AMIA, which tragically killed 85 people and injured 300, and still constitutes, therefore, an open wound for Argentine society as a whole. ■

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE JASON SMITH, CHAIRMAN OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Argentine Ambassador Gerardo Werthein held a working meeting in the US Congress with Representative Jason Smith, Chairman of the influential Ways and Means Committee on Capitol Hill.

Accompanied by officials from this embassy, Werthein described the process of economic reforms that the Argentine government is currently carrying out, with achievements such as the progressive decrease of inflation, as well as a fiscal balance that President Milei's administration quickly consolidated and considers a key pillar to stabilize the economy and return to a path of economic growth.

Werthein also referred to the importance of regaining the trust of foreign investors, and highlighted the new

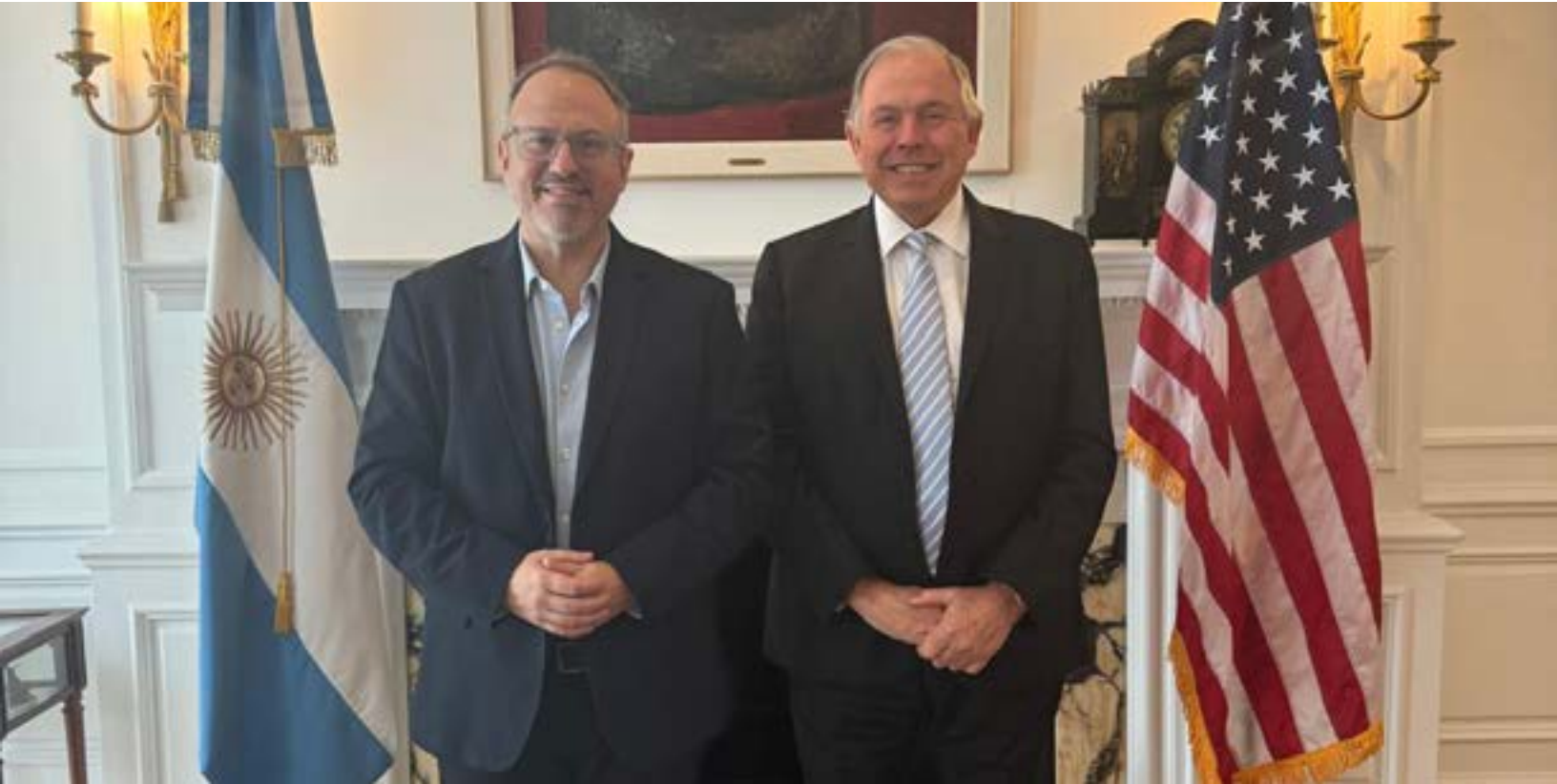
incentive regime for large investments, included in a package of high-impact structural reforms approved by the Argentine Congress last week.

Representative Jason Smith chairs the Ways and Means Committee, which has significant responsibilities on issues such as the renewal of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). This program is crucial to facilitate international trade and support the economic development of developing countries, including Argentina.

The meeting concluded with the commitment by both parties to continue working together in areas of shared interest and to explore new opportunities for cooperation. ■

Ambassador Gerardo Werthein with Representative Jason Smith.





Ambassador Gerardo Werthein with the Mayor of Tres de Febrero, Province of Buenos Aires, Diego Valenzuela.

ARGENTINE MUNICIPALITIES AWARDED CERTIFICATION FOR GOOD USE OF INFORMATION AND DATA

On June 24, the Mayor of Tres de Febrero, Province of Buenos Aires, Diego Valenzuela, and the Mayor of Luján de Cuyo, Province of Mendoza, Esteban Allasino, visited Washington, DC. The main reason for these visits was to receive, in Baltimore, MD, the What Works Cities Certification, awarded by Bloomberg Philanthropies to cities for establishing exceptional data capabilities to provide services and solve problems in an equitable manner among its population.

In the case of the municipality of Tres de Febrero, the certification was obtained in the fields of Equity, Health & Wellness, High-Performing Government, Technology of Health Care, Equity, Health and Wellbeing, and Technology. In the words of Valenzuela, “this certification is a tool valued by mayors. Using data and evidence adds

value to strategic planning and increases your chances of being successful. Using information is essential but it is not sufficient; you also need to have empathy and political leadership to be able to change people’s lives.”

In the case of the Municipality of Luján de Cuyo, the certification was the result of a project on using geographic information system (GIS) data to identify and address small unregulated garbage dumps in the city that cause considerable damage to the population in the areas of public health and the quality of the water to be consumed, among others.

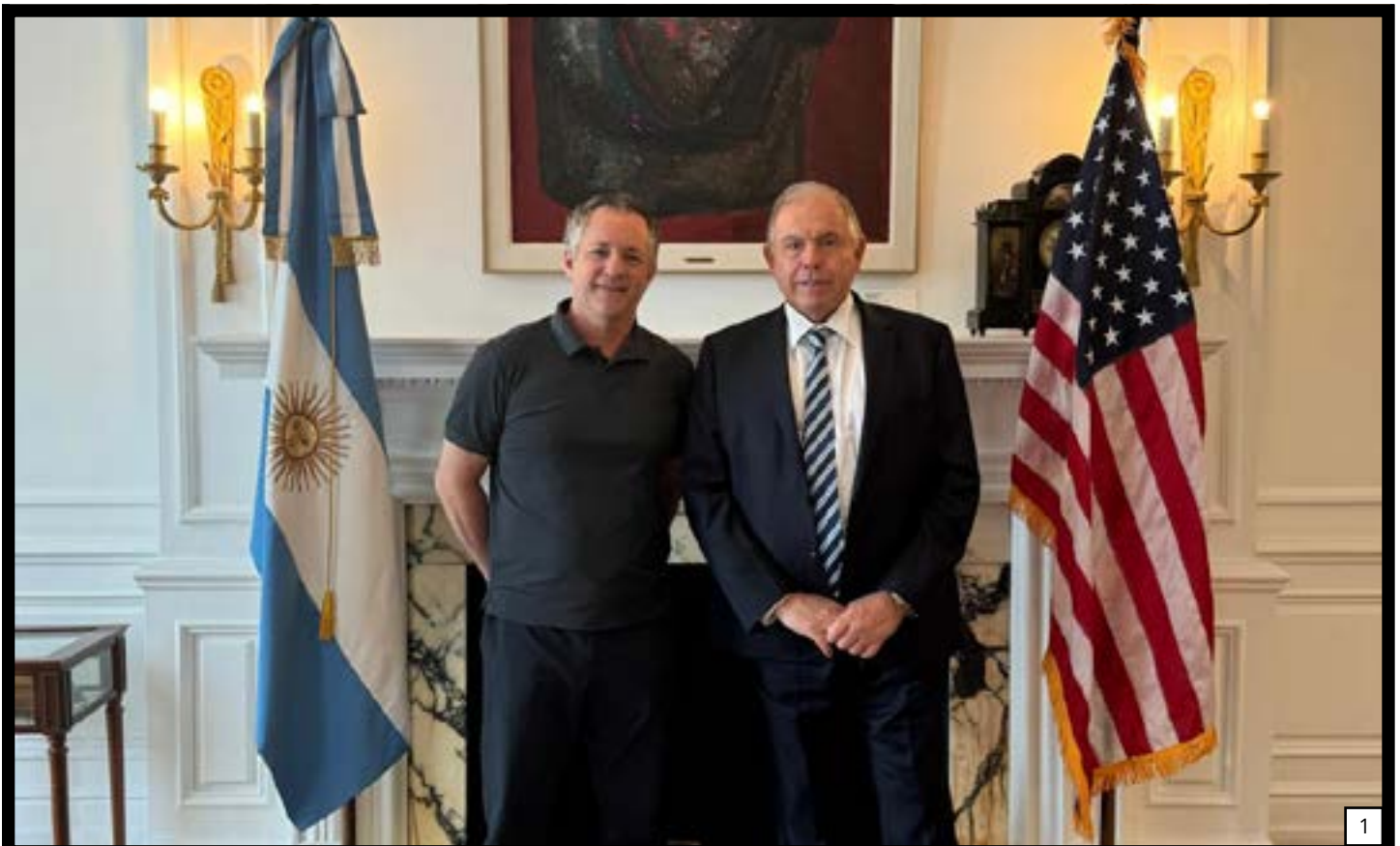
On the other hand, within the framework of their visits, Mayors Valenzuela and Allasino held a series of working meetings with different international organizations, civil

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society, as well as government, journalists and academics representatives. To mention a few, Valenzuela and Allasino met with officials of the Inter-American Development Bank in the areas of the Transparency Fund, Cities LAB, Financial Intermediaries Division, and Urban Development, among others. Likewise, Valenzuela met with the Secretary of the District of Columbia, Kimberly A. Bassett and with local think tanks. ■

(From L. to R.) Ricardo Lachterman, Francisco Tropepi, Esteban Allasino, Adrián Nador and Matías Meric.





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1. Ambassador Gerardo Werthein and Leandro Larrosa, Digital Marketing Director of the International Olympic Committee. 2. Ambassador Gerardo Werthein and Embassy officials with a delegation of authorities from the provinces of Córdoba and Chubut and businessmen.